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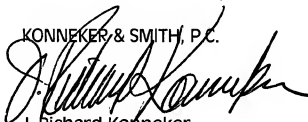
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4,756,982	4,579,104	4,930,551	4,964,394
5,009,391	5,117,871	5,183,029	5,176,652
5,277,171	5,577,491	5,899,218	6,089,260
6,164,333	6,269,780	6,302,063	6,370,328
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